

LEWIS STANDS PAT ON COAL PRICE

Declines to Discuss Protest That Increase Is Unfair to Consumer

CALLS SITUATION GOOD

Nearly 8000 Tons Brought Here by P. R. R. Since Friday

Francis A. Lewis, chairman of the Philadelphia fuel committee, declined today to enter any controversy over the new price fixed for coal...

DECLINES TO DISCUSS PROTEST

Concerning the suggestion of Mr. Morris that a mass-meeting be held and the people be given opportunity to voice their protest against the new coal prices, Mr. Lewis said:

"As a federal official it is neither part of my duty to get into a newspaper controversy with Mr. Morris or to address a public meeting that might be called to call the attention of the public to the situation in the statement published on Saturday, and there is nothing further to add."

ABBOTT MAY REPRESENT PUBLIC

Edwin M. Abbott, an attorney of the Land Title Building, said today he would be glad to represent the public if any concerted action is taken against the coal price increase...

QUESTION UP TO LEWIS

The situation has been placed squarely up to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Morris contended. It is up to him to have a representative of the people, appointed by the Government to supply the needs of the small as well as the large consumer and prevent gouging...

ENOUGH COAL ARRIVING

Coal is still arriving here in sufficient quantities to supply nearly every one. On no day since the first of the 15,000 tons daily promised the city by the Federal fuel administration reached here have the shipments fallen below that figure.

More than 1000 electric lamps glowed brightly last night, defying the orders of the fuel administration for a lightless Sunday night. Windows throughout the shopping district were brightly illuminated, approximately 20 per cent of the business houses in the central section of the city flagrantly violating the government's command to save fuel.

ORDERS:

FOUNDED 1865 The Provident Life and Trust Company of Philadelphia

When you are 60 years old the maturity of an endowment policy will look very good to you. Put a little away every year in a Provident endowment policy, and enjoy it in later years.

NEW JERSEY'S WOMEN RALLY TO THE COLORS

Feminine Army Takes Places of Men War Has Called From State's Industries

TRENTON, Dec. 24.—The world war which has drawn so many thousands of men and youths from numerous lines of endeavor has caused their positions to be filled by women in a host of industrial plants in New Jersey.

TWO PENNSYLVANIA SOLDIERS ARE KILLED

Shenandoah Boy Lost at Sea, While Sharon Youth Is Shot

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—According to an official report from General Pershing, two soldiers were swept overboard and drowned from a transport at sea December 17 and two others are dead from gunshot wounds.

BRITISH MESSAGE COMING

"Unique and Historic" Greeting Reported on Way Here

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A "unique and historic" Christmas message will be sent from Great Britain to the United States on Tuesday, according to announcements in London newspapers.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Vincent J. Dugan, Camp Meade, Md., and Grace M. Hoyt, 2442 Glenwood ave., and George W. Watkins, U. S. S. Corwell, and Helen L. Curvan, Scranton, Pa., and Albert M. Smith, 14 S. 3rd st., and John and Dora Robinson, Dennisville, N. J., and Eliza Bookler, 202 N. Alder st., and Henry R. Freer, Princeton, N. J., and Grace E. Conner, 601 Girard ave., and Mary Hillard, Hallowood, Pa., and George R. Grayson, 1012 Spruce st., and Arthur S. Conroy, Atlantic City, and William K. Helmann, 459 S. 10th st., and Mary Walls, 400 Ludlow st., and Jackson, 1101 Washington ave., and George G. Rosenber, 292 W. Norris st., and Emma L. Osterhu, 2547 N. 11th st., and Frederick Boston, Adams, Pa., and Anastasia Stanley, 5211 Jefferson st., and Walter J. Hanz, 230 N. Grimes st., and Elizabeth M. Lefroy, 1217 Somerset st., and Thomas M. Hart, 1409 N. Camac st., and Lawrence A. Wolf and Ruth L. Miller, Chamberburg, Pa., and James Blackburn, 621 Spring st., and Mercedes Shaw, 221 Spring st., and Charles V. Warner, 2212 Amber st., and Mary V. Books, 1117 Fairmount ave., and William A. Brown, 1801 N. Ewing st., and Ruth Dear, 1800 Ewing st., and Anita G. Reuser, Mont Clair, N. J., and George M. Benson, 1234 S. 31st st., and Charles H. Walker, 5415 Lancaster ave., and Barbara M. Farrell, 551 E. Ontario st., and Frank E. Keeler, Chester, Pa., and Bessie M. Walker, Hallowood, Pa., and Harry D. West, 2216 S. Hicks st., and Ethel E. Brown, 1122 Cambria st., and James J. Gauchan, Camp Meade, Md., and William H. White, 620 Federal st., and William A. Coker, 2529 N. 10th st., and Louisa McCloskey, 5129 S. 20th st., and John W. Hays, 1240 S. Broad st., and Anna Dallison, 1616 N. 2d st., and George H. Hays, 1823 N. 2d st., and Mary Weller, 2112 Spring Garden st., and

TELEGRAPH POLES MAKE GOOD MODERN YULE LOGS



With coal scarce, the members of the Nicetown Boys' Club were overjoyed at the gift of a lot of old telegraph poles from the Philadelphia Electric Company for their winter supply of fuel.

CHRISTMAS, 1917

BEFORE a wee infant in Bethlehem town Three gift-bearing monarchs adored, While angelic choristers caroling down Proclaimed Him the peace-bringing Lord. Above Him the star that had guided their feet His glorious radiance downpoured, As heaven and earth in a unison sweet Rejoiced in triumphant accord.

TWO DEAD, FOUR HURT IN MOTOR ACCIDENTS

taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital following a collision between two automobiles at Broad and Spruce streets.

Man and Woman Die of Injuries Received Near Homes. Others in Hospitals

One man and one woman are dead and four other persons are in hospitals, following several automobile accidents in and near Philadelphia during the last twenty-four hours.

JERSEY RICH IN POULTRY

State Bureau Reports Supply Is Liberal and Quality Good

Noted Sculptor Dead

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 24.—William Greene Turner, the sculptor, is dead at his home here.

FRANK J. CURRY DEVELOPING & PRINTING THE BETTER KIND THE CAMERA SPECIALIST 812 CHESTNUT STREET 812

SNARE SIX IN NET CAST FOR AUTO BANDIT GANG

Police Also Recover Stolen Property Valued at \$10,000 in Round-up

WATCH PROVIDES CLUE

Robbery of Store by Men in Car Results in Capture of the Trio

The arrest within the last twenty-four hours of six men in different parts of the city is the first and most important step, the police believe, in rounding up one of the holdout gangs of automobile bandits that ever did business in Philadelphia.

Three of the six men were arrested on a charge of robbing George Gabe 5617 Wyalusing avenue, and were identified by Gabe as his assailants. They are Joseph Leo, twenty-three years old, Master street near Twenty-first; Alexander Marvas, sixteen years old, Franklin street above Poplar, and Frank D. Bowers, thirty years old, Nineteenth street above Filbert.

HIGH COST OF DYING BECOMES LIVE ISSUE

Auto Livymen Boost Rates for Transporting Mourners to Funerals

And now it's going to cost more than ever to ride to a funeral in a hired automobile. Somebody is always taking the joy out of life!

Advertisement for Sheppard's Christmas Candies. Lists various candy mixes and prices: Finest Mixtures, 5 pounds \$1.75; Hand-made Toys, 1 pound 40c; Kindergarten Mixtures, 5 lbs. \$1.50; Finest Mixtures, 3 pound Holly Box, \$1.50; Bitter Sweets, 1 lb. box 50c; Xmas Sugar Sticks, 1 pound 45c. ALEX SHEPPARD & SONS, INC. N. W. Cor. 8th & Walnut

POTTSVILLE LEADERS BACKING SENATORIAL PALMER FOR STATE GOVERNMENT

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 24.—Developments here indicate that the tentative Cyrus M. Palmer will win the Republican nomination to succeed Auditor General Snyder as Senator in the district. Snyder has picked Reber, a Pottsville manufacturer, as successor, but trustworthy statements today were to the effect that both Reber and Houck are afraid that Palmer will therefore back Palmer.

SPANISH ARRESTED

Spanilla was arrested, but the car with three other men in it sped away. A description of the auto was sent out to the various police stations. Later Policeman Robinson, of the Second and Christian streets station, arrested Tony Ligzi, seventeen years old, of Federal street near Twelfth, on Clifton street below Bainbridge. Ligzi was in possession of a car corresponding to the description of the one wanted, and several thousand dollars' worth of goods, the police say, was found in the automobile.

CONTINENTAL HOTEL

Winter Garden, 9th & Chestnut HEATED BY STEAM

60c Business 60c Men's Lunch 11.30 to 2.30 DINNER \$1.25 Chicken, Lobster or Roast 5.30 to 8.30 Dining 9 to 1

J. E. CALDWELL & CO.

Chestnut—Juniper—South Penn Square J. E. Caldwell & Company's unique facilities enable them to assure to belated purchasers unimpaired assortments and prompt deliveries during the closing hours of the Christmas season; and, in line with this assurance, invite attention to their unique stock of

PEARLS AND NEW JEWELS

and to the many exclusive novelties displayed in the departments of

- WATCHES SILVER ENAMEL CHINA CRYSTAL LEATHER POTTERY LAMPS STATIONERY

It will be to the advantage of the well-dressed man who assisted another man in picking up pearls outside the Lincoln Building, Broad Street above Chestnut, Tuesday, the 18th, if he will communicate with Messrs. J. E. Caldwell & Co., Chestnut and Juniper Streets.

Facts About the Sugar Situation

Our Government has asked you to use sugar sparingly. We believe that the people of this country will be glad to do their part to conserve the sugar supply when they know the facts.

These facts are as follows:

More than two-thirds of the source of Europe's sugar supply is within the present battle lines. This has resulted in greatly reducing the production of sugar in Europe.

England and France and other countries have been forced to go for sugar to Cuba.

Ordinarily, nearly all of the Cuban raw sugar comes to the United States and is refined here, chiefly for home use. This is not the case now.

In view of the exceptional world demand for sugar there is no surplus, and barely enough to tide us over until the new crop comes in. The people of the New England and Atlantic Coast States should use sugar sparingly. No one should hoard or waste it.

This Company has no surplus sugar to sell. It is working with the Government to conserve the supply, and to take care of the Allies so far as possible.

Do not pay an increased retail price.

The Franklin Sugar Refining Company "A Franklin Sugar for every use" Granulated, Dainty Lumps, Powdered, Confectioners, Brown

Advertisement for New Hotel Anover. Features a Christmas dinner menu: Blue Point Oysters Cocktail, Celery Olives, Radishes, Consomme of Chicken in Cup, Mock Turtle au Gruesilles, Darts of Halibut Hollandaise, Rabbit Saute a l'Anover, Cranberry Sauce, Roast Stuffed Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, Brown-Sweet Potatoes, Asparagus, Butter Sauce, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Choice of English Plum Pudding, Hard-Brandy Sauce, Neapolitan Ice Cream or Mince Pie, Pumpkin, Apple, or Toasted Crackers, Coffee. \$1.50 Per Plate. SPECIAL MUSIC Twelfth and Arch Sts. (Entrance on 18th St.) CLAUDE M. MOHR, Mgr.

ARGADIA CAFE WIDENER BUILDING Mobilize at the Arcadia for New Year's Eve! WATCH the old year out and the New Year in. Annihilate gloom! Joy unrestrained. (Telephone reservations to Walnut 4790)